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AND APPARATUS FOR NOISE REDUCTION  
IN AN IMAGE SEQUENCE REPRESENTING  
A THREADLIKE STRUCTURE

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this  
paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper and  
include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet  
showing changes.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 10 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.